GARY O'NEAL IN WEST VIRGINIA

A Clue

By TALBOTT and BYERS

HEY, JIM! THERE'S FIRE RUNNING UP WALLER CREEK AND HEADING FOR THE MACDONALD PLACE—LOOKS BAD!
O.K., CALL CAMP TUCKER—GARY AND I ARE ON OUR WAY!
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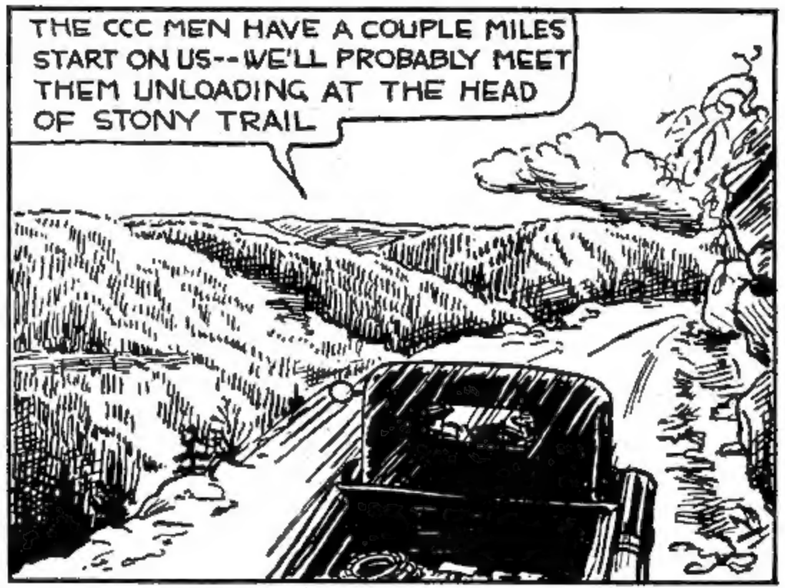

LEAVING THE TRUCK AT THE HEAD OF STONY TRAIL, JIM AND GARY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CCC MEN FROM CAMP TUCKER, HURRY ON FOOT TO THE POINT OF FIRE

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NO DOUBT IT STARTED HERE! BUT THESE LEAVES--THEY BOTH HAVE LITTLE HOLES BURNED IN THEM AND YET NEITHER OF THEM BURNED UP----I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK AROUND HERE!
Lowell Talbott
GARY SOON LOCATES THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

Race Against Death

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POCKETING THE GLASS, GARY FOLLOWS THE PATH UNTIL HE COMES TO A FIELD BOUNDED BY A WORM FENCE — FROM THE TOP OF THE FENCE HE SCANS THE PASTURE FOR SIGHT OF NAN

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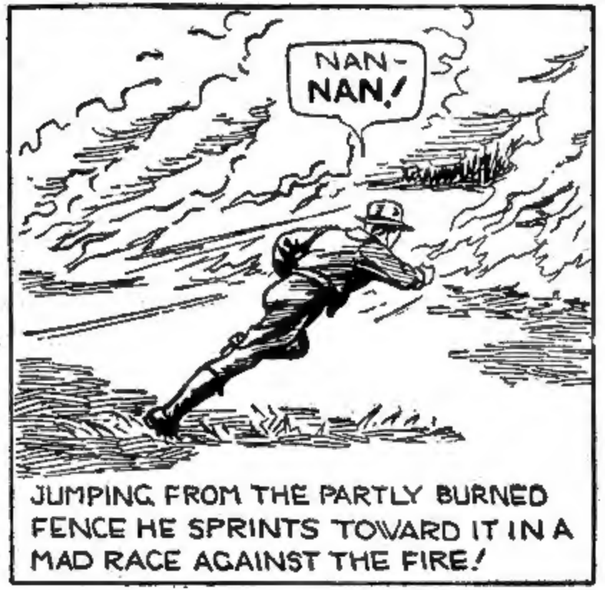

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GARY O'NEIL IN WEST VIRGINIA

Oh, Kay, Ranger

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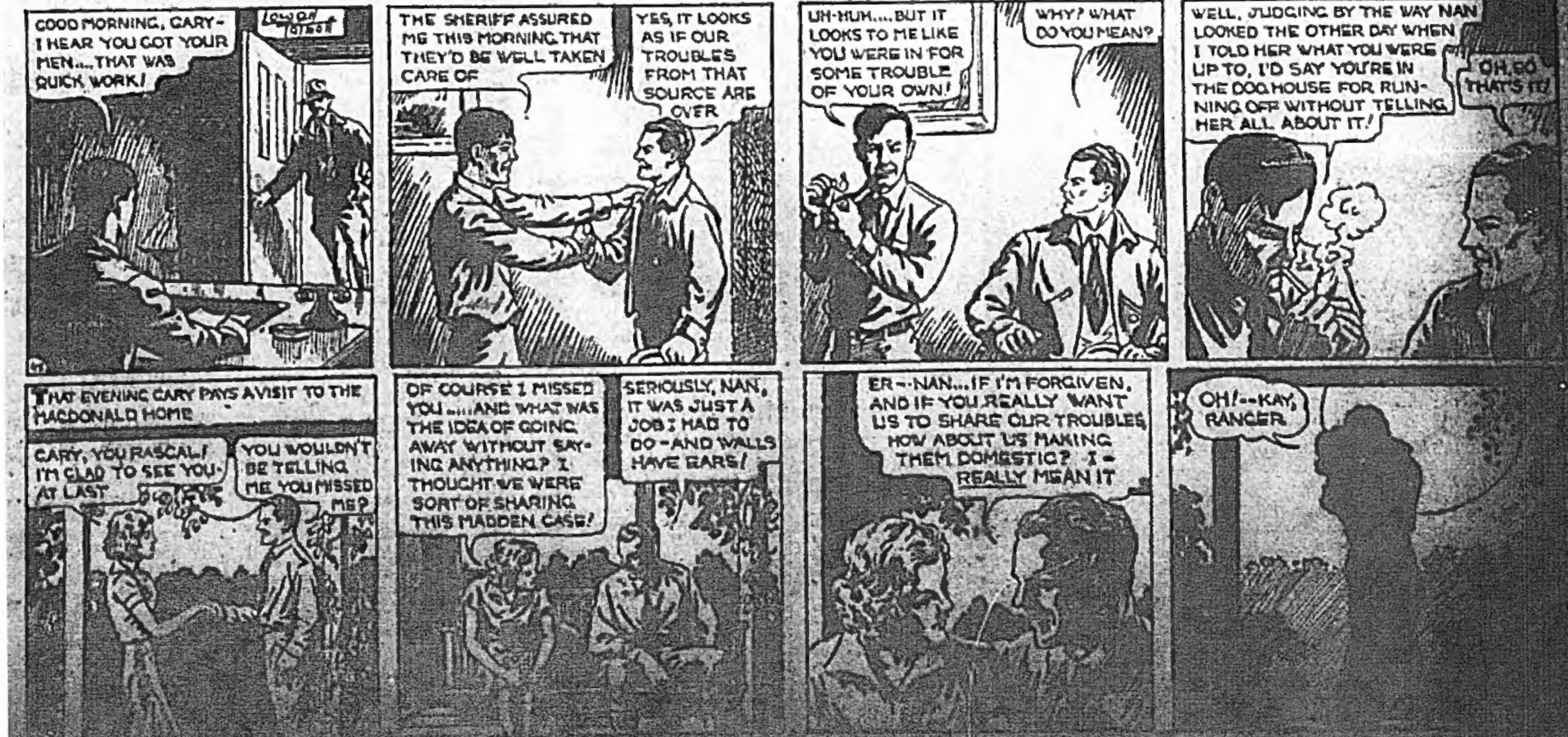
GOOD MORNING, GARY - I HEAR YOU GOT YOUR MEN.... THAT WAS QUICK WORK!
LOUDON O'NEIL
THE SHERIFF ASSURED ME THIS MORNING THAT THEY'D BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF
YES, IT LOOKS AS IF OUR TROUBLES FROM THAT SOURCE ARE OVER
UH-HUH.... BUT IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU WERE IN FOR SOME TROUBLE OF YOUR OWN!
WHY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, JUDGING BY THE WAY NAN LOOKED THE OTHER DAY WHEN I TOLD HER WHAT YOU WERE UP TO, I'D SAY YOU'RE IN THE DOG HOUSE FOR RUNNING OFF WITHOUT TELLING HER ALL ABOUT IT!
OH, SO THAT'S IT!
THAT EVENING GARY PAYS A VISIT TO THE MACDONALD HOME
GARY, YOU RASCAL! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU - AT LAST
YOU WOULDN'T BE TELLING ME YOU MISSED ME?
OF COURSE I MISSED YOU.... AND WHAT WAS THE IDEA OF GOING AWAY WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING? I THOUGHT WE WERE SORT OF SHARING THIS MADDEN CASE!
SERIOUSLY, NAN, IT WAS JUST A JOB I HAD TO DO - AND WALLS HAVE EARS!
ER - - NAN... IF I'M FORGIVEN, AND IF YOU REALLY WANT US TO SHARE OUR TROUBLES, HOW ABOUT US MAKING THEM DOMESTIC? I - REALLY MEAN IT
OH! -- KAY, RANGER

GARY O'NEIL IN WEST VIRGINIA — Off to the Dance — By TALBOTT and BYERS

HEY, JIM—HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR ASSISTANT IN UNIFORM?
HOW'D YOU EVER MISS HOLLYWOOD? Y'DON'T WANT TO FORGET AND WEAR THAT OUTFIT FOR FIGHTING FIRE!
DON'T WORRY!! I SPENT FOUR LONG YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND ONE LONG DAY WITH THE J.F. EXAM EARNING THIS UNIFORM!!
OH, GARY—JEN AND I'VE DECIDED YOU OUGHT T' BE GETTING AROUND MORE—WANT TO GO WITH US TO TH' DANCE AT SILVER LAKE TO-NIGHT?
GREAT! I'LL COME TO YOUR HOME
NEVER MIND—I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT WHEN I GET TO THE DANCE!
I CAN GET YOU A DATE IF YOU WANT ME TO
O.K.
YE BE LOOKIN' RIGHT PEERT TODAY, MR. O'NEAL
AND WHY NOT? I'M IN THE FOREST SERVICE—I'M IN WEST VIRGINIA—AND I'M GOING TO A DANCE TONIGHT!
LATER—AT JIM McCOY'S HOME
HELLO, FOLKS! ABOUT READY?
WE'RE ALL READY—
YOU ACT LIKE YOU WERE IN A HURRY, GARY!!
WHAT A NIGHT! WHAT A SETTING FOR ROMANCE!—GARY, I HOPE YOU MEET THE GIRL TONIGHT!
WHAT'S THE HURRY, MRS. McCOY? I'LL BE HERE A LONG WHILE—I HOPE!
DON'T MIND JEN, GARY—SHE'S A GREAT MATCH MAKER—WANTS EVERYBODY TO BE AS HAPPY AS SHE AND I ARE!
I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD'VE LET US GET YOU A DATE
WELL, I'M NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE BUT I WON'T DUCK ANY!